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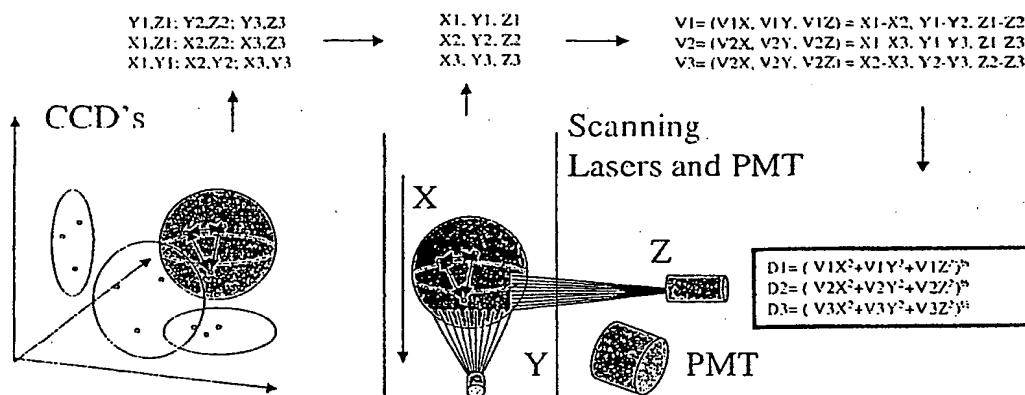
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(54) Title: SPATIALLY ENCODED POLYMER MATRIX

Spatial encoding of beads



(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a spatially encoded polymer matrix in the form of a bead or a granule for combinatorial solid phase synthesis, assaying, functional proteomics and diagnostic use. Compositions of such beads or granules are also provided. Each beaded polymer matrix of the composition comprises a plurality of spatially immobilised particles. The spatial immobilisation of the particles confers on each beaded polymer matrix a "fingerprint" which enables identification of unique beads in a population of beads. The unique identification of individual beads makes it possible to perform combinatorial chemistry strategies while logging individual chemical transformation. Also provided are methods for detection of relative positions in space of particles, methods for generating matrices, methods for distance matrix determination, methods for identifying individual matrices and devices for recording and storing images of matrices.

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1. claims: 1-68

Claim 1, relating to a polymer matrix,
claim 44, relating to a composition comprising a plurality of beads,
claim 59, relating to a method for detection of relative positions in space of centers of immobilized particles of the composition according to claims 44-58,
claim 65, relating to a method for generating a polymer matrix,
and their dependent claims.

2. claims: 69-98,100 (in part),111-119

Claim 69, relating to a method for distance matrix determination,
claim 96, relating to a method for identifying individual polymer matrices in a composition,
claim 111, relating to a device for recording and storing at least one image,
and their dependent claims.

3. claims: 99,100 (in part)

Claim 99, relating to a method for identifying at least one bead in a composition, and dependent claim 100 insofar relating to claim 99.

4. claims: 101-110

Claim 101, relating to a method for recording individual reaction steps in synthesis of compound on a polymer matrix according to claim 1-44, and its dependent claims.

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